GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AIDS CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have seen the news item captioned `Can Circumcision Curb AIDS` appearing in the Times of India dated March 28, 2000;

(b) whether researchers in India have taken note of the contents of the news items and have studied the same in depth;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) whether circumcision is going to help in the prevention of AIDS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present there is no authenticated scientific data available to show that circumcision is going to help in the prevention of AIDS.